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FIGHT WITH NEGROES.

Two Policemen Were Fatally Injured—
Battle Lasted Half an Hour.

New York, Dec. 25.—Two policemen fatally injured, a third badly hurt and four negroes locked up is the result of a battle that took place early today in North Plainfield, N. J., between firemen, policemen and citizens on one side and a gang of negroes on the other.

Marshal Joseph Flacker and Special Policemen William Kella and John J. Mulholland, who were on duty with a deep knife thrust below the right shoulder and with razor cuts over his entire body, 65 stitches having been required to close the wounds. A third policeman, Walter O. Smalley, is at his home, his face battered and bruised.

The prisoners are Samuel Hunt, Walter Tom, Albert Tunstall and Joseph Henderson, all residents of Plainfield.

The negroes had been standing on the street corners, yelling "Merry Christmas" at every one who passed and demanding money to buy drinks. Two policemen attempted to arrest the gang and were knocked down and beaten. They did not shoot for fear of hitting onlookers.

Then firemen and citizens joined in the battle, which was waged nearly half an hour.

When the negroes were about to be taken to jail there were cries from the crowd of "Bring a rope!" and "Lynch them!" The policemen warned the negroes to keep away, but members of the crowd got close enough to strike the negroes.

A crowd hung about the jail for hours, and all through the day, in both Plainfield and North Plainfield, there were frequent tilts between white men and negroes.

FLIED FROM RUSSIA.

Number of Passengers on the Patricia Left Country to Escape Conscription.

New York, Dec. 25.—The Hamburg line steamer Patricia, which arrived today from Hamburg, brought 181 cabin and 345 steerage passengers. The greater number of those in the steerage were from Russia, and came here to escape conscription. The cabin passengers were treated to a Christmas tree and a dinner.

A WARNING TO THE CZAR'S SUBJECTS

GOVERNMENT DECIDES ON
VIGOROUS MEASURES

Disorders Will be Suppressed With a
Firm Hand—Zemstvos Must Curb
Their Activities.

(Associated Press.)
St. Petersburg, Dec. 27.—The following communication was issued by the government early this morning:

"In the autumn of this year there was a meeting in St. Petersburg of several Zemstvos of the various governments which expressed a series of desires concerning what are, in their opinion, indispensable reforms in the different governments of the empire. These desires were made the subjects of action by members of various other assemblies which met for the purpose and also, knowing the provisions of law, were considered at the deliberations of certain councils and Zemstvos. Thus by the action of people, who endeavored to introduce reforms into public and state life, excitement arose in the minds of certain sections of society, chiefly among impressionable youths. In certain towns of the empire there occurred a series of noisy meetings, which demanded the presentation to the government of certain demands which were inadmissible in the face of the sacred foundations of the laws of the empire and the indestructible elements which form the government. These sections of the public made street demonstrations in bands and openly resisted the police authority.

"Such movements against the existing order of the government which have fallen adversely upon the bulk of the Russian people, who are loyal to the everlasting foundations of the existing government, gave to the excitement above referred to an undesired importance of a general tendency. The Russian people involved in this movement, forgetful of the grievous year which has fallen to the lot of Russia, blinded by chimerical hopes of profits which they might expect from a radical change in the ancient foundation of the Russian state and life and not knowing what they were doing, acted to the advantage, not of the country, but of its enemies.

"Now the duty of the government is to preserve order in the state and protect the public confidence from all change in the true course of internal life. Therefore any destruction of order and peace and all meetings of an anti-government character must and will be stopped by all legal means at the disposition of the authorities; and those concerned in these disorders, especially persons employed in the government service, will be held responsible.

"Zemstvos and town councils and every form of institution must not go beyond the limits provided for them and must not concern themselves in questions in the consideration of which they have no legal authority. Presidents of public meetings who allow consideration to be taken of questions of general government—are liable under the existing laws, and organs of the press with the knowledge of the responsibility which rests upon them, must for their part introduce the necessary calming effect on public life, which has deviated in recent times from its proper course."

Convention at Moscow.
Moscow, Dec. 27.—The Zemstvo congress of the Moscow government opened today. Prince Tрубецкой, the president, in his opening address dwelt upon the serious condition of Russia and the regrettable war with Japan, the end of which could not be anticipated, as well as a grave economic crisis through which the country is passing, and the internal disorganization of the Empire. All this, he said, lay as a heavy yoke on the Russian people and produced the condition of strong nervous excitement under which it labored.

Prince Tрубецкой then proposed the adoption and forwarding to Emperor Nicholas of a resolution, announcing that to commemorate the birth of the Czarvitch Zemstvos had set aside the capital sum of \$150,000 to be devoted to the construction of new schools, and that the Emperor should be asked to name the new foundation after his son Alexis. Continuing the Prince declared that Minister of the Interior Sviatopolk-Mirsky's assurances of confidence in the people had given the Zemstvo new power to serve the state. The Zemstvo had firm confidence in the Emperor. They believed the happy day was high when, through the Imperial will, the present regime, which had estranged the supreme power from the people, would be changed the day on which the Emperor would summon freely elected representatives of the people to participate in legislation, through whose co-operation the Imperial power and greatness of the throne would be strengthened and the triumphant development of the Fatherland assured. The development, the Prince said, was dependent upon the immutability of the principles of the law, the inviolability of person and equality of rights for all citizens, as well as freedom of speech and faith, which would bring them a strengthening of the close and strong ties between the throne and the people, and enable them to co-operate for the good of the Fatherland.

The address was adopted by a majority of the votes in the congress.

Comments on Ukase.
St. Petersburg, Dec. 27.—The reform ukase is given an especially favorable reception by the press. The Novoye Vremya, concluding a long analysis of the document, says: "We firmly believe and hope this will realize all the best expectations of the most liberal minded Russians, and hope and believe also that it will be the means of the dawning of a better day, and bring more light and warmth and life into national existence throughout the Empire."

Taking the provisions of the ukase separately, the Novoye Vremya says the appointment of ministers to the committees for dealing with the several problems involved will form a connecting link between the government and the people, and the sovereign, and that it believes the ministers will be able to work

more effectively. A common council, the paper says, will dissipate such misunderstanding and friction hereafter existing between departmental chiefs. The Novoye Vremya characterizes the ukase as a strong and favorable answer to the claims of liberalism, and says it is glad to see so much space and interest devoted to the peasant question, which undoubtedly is one of the most serious problems of national life.

The Novosti Russ comments in a similar tone, asserting that the great problem of national life is for the first time put in a fair way of accurate and satisfactory settlement.

Dynamite Outrage.
London, Dec. 27.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg to a news agency says the Russian authorities have closed Moscow University until February 1st owing to recent disturbances.

According to the same source of information, during the riots at Raxon two railway bridges were blown up, and an attempt was made to dynamite the statue of Alexander II., but only the steps were injured.

THE NORGE DISASTER.
Judgment of the Maritime and Commercial Court Has Been Handed Down.

Copenhagen, Denmark, Dec. 24.—The Maritime and Commercial court handed down judgment today in the case of the Danish steamer Norge, which foundered on June 8th of this year 290 miles from the Scottish Mainland, with the loss of 640 lives. The directors of the company were acquitted, and Capt. Gundle was acquitted of the charge that neglect of duty caused the loss of the vessel, or contributed to the magnitude of the disaster.

GOT ONE YEAR.
(Associated Press.)
Winnipeg, Dec. 27.—Bartlett, the defaulting local government clerk, who stole the proceeds from duplicate marriage certificates, was sentenced today to one year in jail.

ANOTHER STEP NEARER FORTRESS

VILLAGES OCCUPIED
BY BESIEGING ARMY

Whole of Russian Advanced Positions
On Japanese Right Have Now
Been Taken.

Tokio, Dec. 26.—(3:30 p. m.)—The following report was received this morning from the Japanese army besieging Port Arthur:

"A body of our right wing surprised the enemy at Housanyantan and Sianfantun at 10:25 on the night of December 24th and subsequently occupied these villages.

"After gradually dislodging the enemy force, at 2:55 this (Sunday) morning, occupied the whole of Talushiatun.

"Our repeated attacks of the past few days have been uniformly successful. All the enemy's advanced positions fronting our right wing are now in our hands."

RUSHING WORK ON
THE THIRD SQUADRON.
St. Petersburg, Dec. 25.—Admiral Birlik is quoted in an interview as saying that all shipsyard in the Baltic are working night and day that the third squadron will go out in two sections. The admiral pledges himself to have the first section ready by February, and the second a little later.

GOING TO TIBET.
Chinese Official Will Investigate the
Conditions There.

(Associated Press.)
Tientsin, Dec. 27.—Tang Shao Ki, Tao Tai of Tientsin, left this morning en route to Tibet to investigate conditions there.

Tang Shao Ki, who was educated at Yale College, was formerly secretary to Yuan Shai Kan, viceroy of Chihli province. He is conversant with foreign affairs, and is not considered anti-foreign, although jealous of Chinese interests. He was commanded in the latter part of September to proceed to Tibet, and was created a metropolitan officer of the third rank. He was also promoted to the military rank of lieutenant-general.

OTTAWA NOTES.

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, Dec. 27.—Major Delaronde, of the 42nd regiment, Ottawa, has been appointed chief of police here. Berkeley Powell has refused the Conservative nomination for the legislature. A. E. Donly, brother of Hal B. Donly, who ran against Col. Tisdale at the last federal elections, has been appointed commercial agent for Canada in Mexico.

SCHOONER DISABLED.

(Associated Press.)
San Francisco, Dec. 27.—While entering the bay this morning after completing a voyage from Gray's harbor, the steam schooner Ochalas, lost her propeller. She had on board a cargo of lumber for San Pedro, to which port she has proceeded in tow of the steam schooner Norwood.

RECEIVED BY VICEROY.

(Associated Press.)
Calcutta, Dec. 27.—Lord Curzon received Prince Inayat Ullah, son of the Amir of Afghanistan, with great ceremony today in the throne room. Both the Viceroy and the Prince were attended by brilliant staffs.

Members of the Schi-Banty orchestra left this morning for Cumberland, where they will render a musical programme in connection with a Masonic banquet to be held on Wednesday night.

INQUIRY INTO CUTTING AFFAIR

WOUNDED MAN HAD A
VERY NARROW ESCAPE

Had Wound Been Trifle Deeper He
Would Have Been Almost Instantly Killed.

Had the knife with which Wm. MacLachair received a nasty cut in the neck on Saturday evening gone a quarter of an inch deeper, the wounded man would not have been able to tell his story before the magistrate in the police court this morning. As a matter of fact he wouldn't have lived long enough to go to the nearest drug store. The blade with which the cutting was done required but very little extra pressure to open a jugular vein or the carotid artery which would have caused almost instantaneous death.

The wound was inflicted in the Omineca saloon, Government street, between eight and nine o'clock Saturday evening. MacLachair and some seafaring companions went into the saloon to exchange Christmas greetings in the usual convivial way. A quarrel between MacLachair and the accused, Wm. Hamilton, suddenly arose and the two scuffled in a corner. When they separated it was seen that MacLachair's throat was cut and he was taken to a drug store, and thither he went. Dr. Hart attending to his injuries. Immediately after the belligerent twain had broken loose, Hamilton hurried from the saloon.

This is the substance of the account of the affair given by MacLachair and several other witnesses in the police court this morning. When the case was called Hamilton, the accused, elected to be tried by the magistrate. The information was amended so as to charge him with "unlawfully wounding by cutting" instead of by stabbing. The accused pleaded not guilty. He is a powerfully built man, ruddy complexion, and in questioning the witnesses appeared to know just what questions to employ to elicit answers favorable to his case. MacLachair, the man who cut is a man smaller than his opponent in the Omineca saloon.

The informant's story was substantiated as follows: He saw the accused, who by the way he didn't know, in the Omineca saloon on Saturday evening between eight and nine o'clock. He had no conversation with him until he called MacLachair a "Scotch pig" and an indecent epithet. The informant warned Hamilton to refrain from calling him names and threatened to strike him if he persisted. The accused repeated the expressions and the witness butted him with his head. They scuffled for a minute and after they had separated "somebody" (witness) stated that his throat was cut. It was bleeding badly so he went to a drug store and then to a doctor.

To the accused—"I didn't see you cut me and didn't know I was cut until I was told."

The Court MacLachair admitted he had been drinking, but said he wasn't drunk. The fight lasted a few seconds and neither fell to the floor.

Wm. Black, another sailor, was also examined. He said he saw a knife and razor taken from the accused's pocket at the police station when the latter was searched. On the evening of the trouble he heard the accused say he was going to fight somebody, but he mentioned nobody's name. He picked a quarrel with MacLachair, calling him a "Scotch pig." MacLachair said "I'm not a Scotch pig," and Hamilton replied, "You are."

A scuffle then took place in a corner and after it was over witness saw that MacLachair's throat was cut. He didn't see the wound inflicted; it was done so quickly.

To accused—"I didn't see you with any weapon in your hand. You had your hands in your pockets before the row. I didn't see you cut him, but as he was left you I noticed that his throat was cut."

Continuing, the witness explained that MacLachair had the accused by the lapels of his coat, and was butting him with his head. The accused tried to get him around the neck. The scuffle lasted two or three minutes, during which nobody interfered. After the scuffle the accused hurriedly left the room.

To the accused—"You went out as soon as you separated."

"Why didn't you detain me and give me over to the police?" pursued Hamilton.

"Because," replied the witness, "you were outside before I noticed that MacLachair was cut."

Another man, Barker, gave evidence similar to that of the previous witnesses. When the fight occurred, he said, the two men were five or six feet away from the nearest person. He didn't see the accused cut MacLachair, and saw nothing in his hand.

William Lewis swore that there was no interference during the fight. MacLachair was all right before the trouble started, and he did not notice any blood on him. After the scuffle, however, he saw a red stain on the informant's neck. He knew the accused, having roomed with him. He knew Hamilton carried a razor and a knife, and he seemed to have a quiet disposition. He had been drinking heavily during the past week.

To the accused—"I know you carried your razor in a double case, and that you had a knife. I never saw anything else in your pockets. I didn't see you cut MacLachair."

To the court he said the fight lasted for four or five minutes, and both men seemed to break away together. After they had separated the accused hurried out of the door.

Dr. Hart testified to attending to MacLachair's injuries. He said the wound was a cut on the left side of his neck extending from the middle of the throat to the ear. It was five inches in length, and averaged about half an inch deep. Had it been a quarter of an inch deeper it would have opened the jugular vein or carotid artery. The opening of any one of these would have caused almost instant death. The wound was inflicted by some sharp weapon—either a knife or a razor.

The case was not concluded this morning, a remand being granted to enable the chief to get some important witnesses from Work Point.

IN GRASP OF BLIZZARD.

Wind and Snowstorm in the South-western States.

(Associated Press.)
Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 27.—This portion of the southwest today was in the grasp of a genuine blizzard, the first severe cold weather of the winter. It extended through Missouri into Nebraska and Iowa, over the whole of Kansas and into Oklahoma and Indian territory. Snow fell to a depth of a foot, and was drifted by a high wind. Street car traffic in Kansas City was demoralized, and trains in every direction were delayed and stalled. Telephone and telegraph wires were rendered useless. The thermometer is close to the zero mark, showing a fall in temperature since midnight of 11 degrees, and a fall of 65 degrees in 24 hours. More snow with continued fall in temperature was predicted.

IN NEW YORK ALSO.

New York, Dec. 27.—Rain and sleet, following the heavy snowstorm, have played havoc with transportation facilities and the telegraph service. Falling on top of the snow covered pavements and sidewalks the rain has formed a crust of ice, and New York to-day was like a great skating pond. The rails of the surface cars and elevated tracks were so slippery that no effort was made to keep anything like schedule time. The suburban trolley lines were almost paralyzed, but trains were late on every line. How badly the telegraph and telephone wires have been crippled could not be estimated. All through the east and in Pennsylvania the wires are coated with ice.

In addition to the delay caused by sleet, ferry boats were hampered by a fog so dense that it was almost dark at 7:30 a.m., and ferry boats bringing the thousands of people employed in the city from Jersey City and Brooklyn picked their way slowly from slip to slip in constant danger of collision. No serious accidents were reported.

EIGHT CHINAMEN ACQUITTED TO-DAY

CONSPIRACY CASE IS
BROUGHT TO CLOSE

Judge Harrison Said He Could Not Con-
vict the Prisoners on Evidence
Given.

The eight Chinamen accused of conspiring together to effect the conviction of Wong Gow and Wong On, charged with murder, have been acquitted by Judge Harrison.

The trial of these men was completed this morning. His Honor could not, he said, see sufficient reason in the evidence given for confining these men to a long term of imprisonment.

H. Dallas Helmcken, K. C., counsel for the crown, said that there could remain no doubt that money was paid to secure witnesses, whatever might be the evidence agreed upon. The sum of \$100 had been paid.

His Honor wanted to know why a charge of bribery had not been brought in instead of one of conspiracy.

Mr. Helmcken said that his instructions were to proceed under the charge of conspiracy, as laid in the police court. He said that bribery was the charge. He thought that enough had been shown to prove conclusively that these men conspired together. It would be an impossible thing to ascertain just what these men agreed to do. They did conspire, however, to prosecute Wong Gow and Wong On. The charge of conspiracy was established. From the case made out he thought that there was sufficient to require those accused being put on their defence.

His Honor wanted to know if Mr. Helmcken was arguing that these men should have to go into the witness box and defend themselves. His idea of the practice was that the onus of proof lay with the prosecution.

Mr. Helmcken, quoting from Taylor on evidence, argued that conspiracy had been established.

His Honor could not understand why if against Loo Goo Wing there was a strong case of having paid over this money, the charge of bribery was not laid against him and prosecuted to the fullest extent. Even if one witness had received money, and he did not say that he had, why should all the remaining witnesses in the case be subjected to term of imprisonment? He could not find that the men were guilty, and therefore acquitted them.

There is a counter charge of perjury laid against several witnesses in the conspiracy case. If this is gone on with the trial will take place almost immediately.

The completion of the conspiracy case leaves the way clear for the new trial of Wong Gow and Wong On for murder. This will be tried at a special assize, to sit early next month.

SAILOR ASPHYXIATED.

San Francisco, Dec. 25.—R. A. Ciother was found dead from gas to-day in a lodging house and his bed fellow, A. H. Smith, was discovered almost dead. The two men were from the United States steamship Ohio and were ashore on leave. It is thought Smith will die.

CHURCH DAMAGED.

(Associated Press.)
Winnipeg, Dec. 27.—St. Andrew's church has been damaged to the extent of \$1,000 by a fire which started from the stove pipes. It is the finest edifice in the city.

The crisis in Morocco is assuming a remarkable aspect, leading the French government to consider all eventualities, including the possibility and probability of the occupation of a chain of six or seven of the most important ports giving France control of the Moroccan customs and communication with the outer world.

DATE FIXED FOR MEETING OF HOUSE

LEGISLATURE WILL
ASSEMBLE FEB. 9TH

Government Has Put Off the Day Al-
most as Late as the Statute
Allows.

The local legislature has been called for Thursday, February 9th. This decision was reached at a meeting of the executive recently held.

The custom is to have the House assemble on a Thursday. The statute requires the convening of the legislature within one year of the date of its prorogation. It was therefore necessary to call the legislators together before October 11th. The government, as was expected, have postponed the date almost to the latest hour possible.

The government has not yet announced the officers of the House. A new sergeant-at-arms will require to be appointed. Mr. Mason, who served in that capacity last year, being now employed in the lands and works department. The appointment of the sergeant-at-arms, law clerk, messengers, pages and extra assistants will likely be made within a short time.

As announced in Saturday's Times, it is expected that the commission which is to inquire into the operation of the Assessment Act will have its report ready for the legislature. The members of the commission are: Hon. R. J. Tatlow, Hon. F. Carter-Cotton, D. R. Ker, of Victoria, and J. Bunten, of Vancouver.

Some time during the session it is likely that the widely famed railway policy of the Premier and chief commission will be announced in detail. This is dependent of course upon its passing safely through the caucus of the government supporters. The government caucuses this session promise to lack even the same degree of harmony this year that they did at the last meeting of the House.

THE CHRISTMAS MAIL.

Teams Hired to Facilitate the Work of
Delivery on Saturday and Monday.

That Victorians received their Christmas mail as promptly as they did is due in no small degree to the excellent arrangements made for the season by Postmaster Noah Shakespeare. When it is considered that the mail was an exceptionally large one, this fact can be better appreciated. The number of parcels delivered during the last few days totaled 2,600, including that in the English and Canadian mails.

In order to facilitate the work of the department three teams were sent out yesterday, in addition to the one on the streets Saturday, and all mail was quickly distributed. That from England did not arrive until Monday, owing to some delay on the Atlantic. It should have reached Victoria on Saturday, but delays at this time, despite every precaution taken to guard against them by steamship and railway companies, not infrequently occur, the month of December being generally one of the worst for snowfalls in the whole year.

A LIBERAL STANDARD BEARER.

Brother of Victoria's City Clerk in the
Ontario Arena.

W. A. Dowler, K. C., brother of W. J. Dowler, city clerk of Victoria, is the Liberal candidate for South Oxford for the approaching provincial elections in Ontario. The Tilsonburg Liberal, of Tilsonburg, Ont., contains the following account of his nomination:

"Amidst the greatest enthusiasm in one of the largest conventions ever held in the riding, Mr. W. A. Dowler, K. C., was on Tuesday made the unanimous choice of the Liberals of South Oxford, Ontario, as their standard bearer at the coming election for the legislative assembly. There was a large gathering of delegates present, and every polling sub-division was fully represented."

"Mr. Dowler was one of four nominees, and received the unanimous vote of the 263 delegates present."

"Mr. W. A. Dowler, K. C., is well known to the people of Oxford County and Ontario. In 1886 he was elected Deputy Attorney General, and in 1891, 1892, 1893 and 1894, in the latter year he was elected warden of the county."

PLEASED WITH VICTORIA.

G. T. Boulding, of Richmond avenue, who came here last spring from the Northwest, after a stay there extending over twenty-one years, with the intention of paying Victoria a visit for his health, was so much pleased with the climate and general conditions of this city that he decided to remain, and has built a very beautiful residence on the corner of Richmond avenue and Leighton road.

Mr. Boulding states that he knows of very many families desirous of settling here, and has not hesitated to recommend this city as a most desirable place to settle. He expects as a result of his correspondence that quite a few families will definitely decide to come here and make Victoria their future home.

Mr. Boulding originally came from Guelph township, Ontario, and twenty-two years ago located a homestead near Regina, also took up land in the vicinity in what is known there as the valley country. During his twenty years farming he did his share in raising the wheat crops for which that section of the country is now so justly famous. His average crop for the whole time was 19 bushels of wheat to the acre.

Mr. Boulding is a firm believer in the future of the great Northwest, but thinks that Victoria will be the Mecca for those who have made their pile and wish to spend the remainder of their lives in a less rigorous climate. He and Mrs. Boulding are and have been for many years consistent members of the Methodist church, and have joined the Metropolitan church in this city. Mr. Boulding, as a resident of Regina, commanded the full respect of all the citizens, and his settling here is a distinct gain to Victoria.

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FROM PORT ARTHURTOGO REDUCES THE
BLOCKADING SQUADRONOne Battleship, Three Cruisers, One
Gunboat and Coast Defence Vessel
Have Been Lost.

Tokio, Dec. 24.—Admiral Togo announces the withdrawal of the majority of the fleet from Port Arthur.

Admiral Togo, telegraphing under the date of December 22nd, says: "After 200-Metre Hill was occupied, as the result of a gallant and desperate attack by the besieging army, the bombardment of the enemy's squadron by siege and other heavy guns became effective. In consequence the battleship Potemkin and Retzian were sunk, and subsequently the battleships Pobieda and Peresviet, the protected cruiser Pallada and the armored cruiser Bayan were sunk."

"The battleship Sevastopol escaped the land bombardment, left the harbor on December 21st, and anchored near Chienfao mountain. She was attacked there continuously by our torpedo boats and heavily damaged."

"The main strength of the enemy is completely crushed. Only a weak gunboat, the Otavashin, and several torpedo boat destroyers remain active."

"Under the circumstances our combined fleet has been removed as unnecessary from the blockade of Port Arthur, which had been maintained since May 1st."

"I have arranged for a closer watch for ships attempting to run the blockade and to watch the remnant of the enemy's squadron."

"During the blockade we suffered from the enemy's mines, both laid and floating on the high seas, and from dense fog. The cruisers Miyako, Sayon and Yoshino, Battako (battleship), Kaimon (gunboat) and Heien (coast defence vessel), were sunk, and many other ships were damaged and men were killed, but we succeeded in maintaining the blockade."

"When the enemy emerged from the harbor our fleet successfully engaged him, and finally, with the valuable support of the troops, we destroyed the entire squadron."

"During the blockade all the ships under my command splendidly accomplished the work and duty assigned to them. Especially to be noted are some of those who are engaged in the difficult and risky task of blockading, or who tirelessly accomplished the work of laying mines in the presence of the enemy, and others who braving all danger were engaged in the work of clearing mines away, and others still who were posted to watch the enemy and guard against the enemy's ships. Their combined work contributed to the accomplishment of the blockade. I deem it my duty to especially mention my recognition of the valuable services rendered by the officers and men."

PRAISE FOR CREWS
OF THE TORPEDO BOATS.

Tokio, Dec. 24.—10.10 a.m.—An imperial edict dispatched to Vice-Admiral Togo says:

"We hear with great satisfaction that our torpedo flotillas secured in the work required of them at Port Arthur have gallantly and successfully accomplished their duties and that, in so doing, they had to brave the dangers of storms and ships by day and night."

"Despite all the difficulties confronting them, they have succeeded in performing their duties without the least confusion, rendering one another their brave and loyal performance of the duties required of them and express our approbation of their gallant behavior."

GENERAL SAYS TROOPS
MUST NOT RETREAT.

Mukden, Dec. 25.—General Kuropatkin, addressing the troops to-day, said:

SUGGESTS FURTHER
INTERCHANGE OF VIEWSUnited States Secretary of State Has
Forwarded Another Note to Powers
Regarding Conference.

Washington, Dec. 25.—That the further interchange of views preparatory to the formulation of a programme for another peace conference at The Hague is the suggestion offered by Secretary Hay in a second circular note to the powers made public at the state department to-day.

The note was dispatched a week ago, but its publication was withheld until it had reached the various American embassies and legations abroad. The secretary summarizes the replies of all the powers to his note of October 21st, and expresses the gratification of the President at the cordial reception of his invitation.

The note in part is as follows: "The replies so far received indicate that the proposition has been received with general favor. No dissent has been expressed. The governments of Austria-Hungary, Denmark, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Luxembourg, Mexico, the Netherlands, Portugal, Roumania, Spain, Sweden and Norway and Switzerland exhibit sympathy with the purposes of the proposal and generally accept it in principle, with a reservation of the date of the conference and the programme of subjects for discussion."

"The replies of Japan and Russia conveyed in like terms a friendly recognition of the spirit and purposes of the invitation, but on the part of Russia the reply was accompanied by the statement that in the existing condition of things in the Far East it would not be practicable for the imperial government at this moment to take part in such a conference."

"While this reply, tending as it does to cause some postponement of the proposed second conference, is deeply regretted, the weight of the motive which induces it is recognized by this government, and a probable occasion for another conference is not to be overlooked."

"Japan made the reservation only that no action should be taken by the conference relative to the present war."

"Although the prospect of an early convocation of an august assembly of representatives of the nations in the interest of peace and harmony among them is deferred for the time being, it may be regarded as assured so soon as the interested powers are in a position to agree upon a date and place of meeting and to join in the formulation of a general plan for discussion."

"In view of the virtual certainty that the President's suggestion of The Hague as the place of meeting for a second peace conference will be accepted by all the interested powers, and in view also of the fact that an organized representation of the signatories of the acts of 1899 now exists at that capital, this government feels that it should not assume the initiative in dropping up a programme for consideration of the delegates of the signatories in that regard. It seems to the President that the high task he undertook of the powers to meet in a second peace conference is virtually completed so far as it is appropriate for him to act, and that with the general acceptance of his invitation in principle, the future conduct of the affair may safely follow its normal channels. To this end it is suggested that the further and necessary interchange of views between the signatory powers of the acts of 1899 be effected through the international bureau under the control of the permanent administrative council of The Hague. It is believed in this way, but utilizing the central representative agency established and maintained by the powers themselves, an orderly treatment of the preliminary consultations may be insured, and the way laid clear for the eventual action of the government of the Netherlands in calling a renewed conference to assemble at The Hague should that course be adopted."

TO OVERTHROW REPUBLIC

Reported to Have Been the Object of the Recent Disturbances at Rio de Janeiro.

New York, Dec. 24.—The chief of police has handed to the government the results of his investigation of the recent disturbances, which he believes were directed to overthrow the republic. He says the object was to overthrow the republic. It was proposed, according to the report, that Senator Lauro Sodre should be dictator until the re-establishment of the monarchy. The revolution was to have begun October 17th, but failed in consequence of the vigilance of the police.

This report is considered strange, continues the correspondent, as all the heads of the movement are known as great republicans. The senate, according to the request of the government, has authorized the trial of the revolutionaries. The Supreme court has denied the habeas corpus presented in favor of Sodre and the deputies Varela, Barbosa and Lima.

FATAL FIRES.

Four People Lost Their Lives in Philadelphia on Christmas Day.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 25.—Four men were suffocated and eight other persons were rescued from fire in three different parts of the city early to-day.

At a boarding house at 1545 Wood street Charles McKuster, Chas. Merry and Joseph McGill died in a trap made by themselves. The three men took a quantity of whiskey to their room and placed a bed against the door to prevent interference. After they had retired a lighter candle fell from the mantel, ignited the clothes of one of the men. McGill was awakened by the smoke, but fell to the floor unconscious. When the room was broken into McKuster and Merry were found dead. McGill died some time after being removed to a hospital.

At 1136 Fairmont avenue Edward Rathine, believed to be a resident of New Jersey, was suffocated. It is thought the bed clothing took fire from a lighted cigar, and in trying to leave the room, the man crawled into a closet by mistake and was found dead there.

In a fire in a house at 4223 Germantown avenue, Mrs. David Deen and other members of her family were rescued by firemen or saved themselves by jumping from windows. A driving snowstorm was raging at the time, and they suffered much from exposure.

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Look out for these "purely vegetable" medicines. Aconite, Belladonna, Digitalis, Morphine, Strychnine—all violent poisons—are vegetable. You see the term means nothing, as regards safety.Fruit-A-Tives
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THE RUSSIAN DEFENCE.

Delegates on Commission Claim They Can Prove Presence of Japanese Torpedo Boats.

Paris, Dec. 24.—The Russian defence before the international commission, which is to inquire into the North Sea incident, is practically complete. The main features are: First—That the firing by the Russian squadron was justified as a defence against attack. This entails proving the presence of Japanese torpedo boats. The Russian delegates inform the Associated Press that they possess this proof in the most positive and overwhelming form.

Second—That even if the Russians were not attacked, they believed they were attacked, and therefore the defensive measures taken were in absolute good faith.

Third—A most it was an accident at sea where the dangers and risks are extreme and analogous to the British battleship Camperdown ramming and sinking the British battleship Victoria and the recent firing by a British warship upon a coasting vessel during target practice.

The preliminaries of the commission have clearly shown that the British are anxious for a prompt disposal of the case, while the Russians do not object to deny it, therefore the postponement of the opening of the sessions of the commission is a tactical move. The Russian Admiral Charles H. Davis, the American representative, developed an incident showing the insignificant greeting of delegates, the Russians sharing the American view that Admiral Davis is entitled to ample time, while the British view that the French should not approve of the postponement.

It develops that American Ambassador Choate sent a wireless telegraph message to Admiral Togo notifying him that the commission would be opened December 22nd. This probably was the first use of the wireless system in an important official communication in mid-ocean.

CHASED BY SHARKS.

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—A voyage of 200 miles by air, almost destitute of provisions and pursued by a horde of giant sharks that threatened momentarily and nightly to capsize the craft and devour its occupants, was the experience of Captain Sam Harris and four South Sea Islanders, who composed the crew of the little trading schooner Victor, wrecked on Apitaki Island on November 30th. Apitaki is 200 miles from Papeete, the port of Tahiti.

Stephen Pushart, John Brinkish and Martin Pish were held up on the outskirts of Lansford, Pa., early on Sunday morning by four men armed. Pushart was killed and Brinkish is, it is believed, fatally injured.

"Battling" Nelson will not prosecute his manager, Teddy Murphy, who, with Eddie Santry, was taken from Stockton to San Francisco on Saturday by a detective to answer charges of embezzlement. Nelson and Murphy both say that an amicable settlement can be reached and further legal proceedings are not anticipated.

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PERSONAL

JOHN WILLIAM FLETCHER REYNOLDS—Missing since 1899; father dead; executors desire location. Geo. Gull, Gull's P. O., Ont., Canada.

SOCIETIES.

COURT VICTORIA, No. 3630, A. O. F.—Meeting 1st and 3rd Wednesdays in each month. Sir William Wallace Hall, Douglas street. James Tagg, C. R.; W. Noble, Sec'y.

COURT NORTHERN LIGHT, No. 5095, A. O. F.—Meeting 1st and 3rd Wednesdays in each month. C. P. Hall, Douglas street. S. L. Bedgrave, C. R.; W. F. Fullerton, Sec'y.

COURT VANCOUVER, No. 5755, A. O. F.—Meeting 1st and 3rd Wednesdays in each month. C. P. Hall, Douglas street. S. L. Bedgrave, C. R.; W. F. Fullerton, Sec'y.

CEMENT WORK.

SLATE AND GRAVEL ROOFING, cement sidewalks laid, etc. John Bell, Levee street, at Nicholas & Renard.

SCALP SPECIALIST.

MRS. CAMPBELL, 101 Fort street, scalp specialist, dermatology, hairdressing, massage, manicuring, chiropodist. Morning appointments only at private house. Phone 1112.

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HAND PRINTING PRESS (not a toy) for sale, bargain; also a magic lantern. Ritchie, 107 Blanchard street.

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FOR SALE—Two first-class fresh calves, one general purpose horse, light horse, 12 years old. Apply Fisher's Blacksmith Shop, Store street.

HOLLY—For Xmas decoration. Jay & Co., 13 Broad street. Phone 1024.

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FOR SALE—Express and light wagons, cars and pianos, cheap for cash; also new and second-hand furniture, carpets and fixtures, stoves, etc.; the cheapest in town. The I. L. Second-Hand Store, Store street.

FOR SALE—Cheap, air-tight heaters, ranges, stoves, tables, single and double beds, mattresses, bureaus, etc. at Old Curiosity Shop, cor. of Fort and Blanchard.

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REWARD—\$300 (thirty dollars) will be paid to anyone giving information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the party or parties who wilfully and maliciously destroyed the fencing on our property on Catherine and Langford streets, on the night of the 23rd inst. Thos. Shott; Richard Hall.

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LIVERY AND HACK STABLE—Victoria Transfer Co., 21 Broughton street. Tel. 129. Hack, baggage, wagons, trucks, etc., at any hour.

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SING TAI—Manufacturer and dealer in ladies' silk and cotton underwear, dresses, wrappers, etc. 14 Douglas street, Victoria.

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TO LET—Cottage, 5 rooms and bath, \$7 per month. A. Williams, 104 Yates.

TO LET—Newly furnished room, at 170 Yates street.

TO LET—Office; the very best position in Victoria. Three small rooms, with or without furniture, steam heat, electric light, mail box, janitor's attendance; over Imperial Bank, corner Government and Yates streets. Apply Norton Print, 28th Century Building Training College.

TO LET—Boarding house, furnished rooms, first-class table, well recommended. 227 Johnson, cor. Vancouver.

TO LET—Osborne House, Pandora and Blanchard streets; furnished rooms at reasonable rates, per week or per month.

TO LET—Furnished bedroom for gentleman, with use of bath. Gordon Hotel, Yates street.

LEE & FRASER, Real Estate and Insurance Agents, 9 and 11 Trousseau Avenue.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Published by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 27.—5 a. m.—The pressure is decreasing on our coast, and present conditions indicate a disturbance approaching Vancouver Island, and a moderate gale prevails on the outside waters. Owing to wire trouble no reports have been received this morning east of Kamloops, but a vast area of high pressure is central in Montana and temperatures east of the Rockies are much below zero. At Memphis, in the lower Mississippi, a heavy gale prevails, with a southerly wind velocity of 50 miles, and a phenomenal rainfall of 4.90 inches during the last 24 hours.

For 34 hours ending 5 p. m. Wednesday. Victoria—Wind, S. by E. 15; strong easterly winds or gales, unsettled, with rain or sleet.

Lower Mainland—Moderate to fresh easterly winds, stronger on Straits, unsettled, with sleet or rain.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.11; temperature, 43; minimum, 38; wind, S. by E.; weather, cloudy.

New Westminster—Barometer, 30.14; temperature, 34; minimum, 32; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, cloudy.

Nanaimo—Wind, 4 miles S.; weather, fair.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.30; temperature, 20; minimum, 18; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

Barkerville—Barometer, 30.22; temperature, 22; minimum, 16; wind, calm; snow, trace; weather, snow.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.28; temperature, 44; minimum, 44; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, cloudy.

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer Princess Beatrice from Seattle—Sunday—A. Hartley, F. H. Evans, F. W. Mason, Miss A. McCabe, A. Geo. Harris, Alice McCabe, C. L. Campbell, W. Leaside, Thos. Daley, H. O. Humphreys, H. E. Freeman, E. S. Tuck, Ellen Armstrong, Chas. M. Armstrong, L. H. Teller, Mrs. Teller, Alice Jay, Nettie Jay, Sam Owens, Edith Owens, Elma Steer, Sarah Steer, S. M. Given, E. A. Wolff, A. F. Given, W. J. McKinnon, W. F. Ferra, W. H. Smith, Mrs. Smith, W. G. Frye, Mrs. Anna Bush, M. E. Lynch, G. R. Payne, G. L. Courtney, Lucille MacHardy, Mrs. John McKirby, Geo. L. Marshall, Mrs. A. M. Coke, Edw. L. Birdie, Arthur H. Fowler.

Per Princess Beatrice from Vancouver—Monday—J. Fowler, Paul Gasse, Mrs. Trench, Miss Cox, Mrs. A. Knight, H. Anable, E. L. Denis, Jno. MacCauley, E. G. Peterson, W. Peterson, L. Morell, W. McDonald, R. Watson, J. C. Watson, B. Williams, J. LaFevre, Mrs. Gordon, M. Wilson, J. Canby, J. A. Macrae, Mrs. James, Mr. Cronyn, W. M. Wilson, Mrs. Wilson, Mr. Bell, D. Forsyth, J. H. Gillespie, W. Gillespie, Mrs. Mills, A. H. Mathison, W. H. Jesse, J. A. Alkman, W. Redfern, C. B. Kennedy, E. G. Thibot, A. Newcombe, A. G. Fisher, W. Morehead, A. McLeod, W. Pettiford, Mrs. Pettiford, T. R. Nickson, E. H. Russell, G. Hutchison, Mrs. Hutchison, M. Hutchison, A. J. Ure, Mrs. Jackson, Mr. Mason, G. Galano, H. B. Roe, J. Calder, H. W. Tripp, T. A. Pope, J. M. Stewart, S. J. Berford, M. Hunter, H. Gordon, W. Coulter, P. Williams, Mrs. Ure, T. Spotts, F. M. Brown, Mrs. Brown, Miss Baines, Mrs. Baines, W. B. Maymuth, Harry King, Joe Lamont, W. Walker, Geo. Gandy, Miss Reid, J. L. Dalton, — Daniels, Mrs. W. L. Gilchrist and three children, W. Newcombe, T. A. Macrae, Jno. Bray, Jno. Cornwall, T. O. Taggart, P. Austin, J. H. Austin, P. F. Young, A. Foster.

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MORE FUN FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL

LIST OF THOSE WHO PASSED RECENT TEST

Examiners Completed Their Labors on Saturday Night—Victoria Girl Beats the Province.

The board of examiners in connection with the recent high school examination completed their labors on Saturday night. The results are as follows:

Chilliwack Centre.

Total number candidates, 6; passed, 4; Chilliwack—Number of candidates, 2; passed, 1. Amelia Short, 607.

Camp Slough—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 1. Edith H. Ryder, 624.

South Chilliwack—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 0.

Harrison River—Number of candidates, 2; passed, 2. Adele Weaver, 678; Edith M. Picken, 623.

Cranbrook Centre.

Total number candidates, 3; passed, 2. Cranbrook—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 0.

Private study—Number of candidates, 2; passed, 2. Marshall Gordon, 628; Jessie Gordon, 550.

Cumberland Centre.

Total number candidates, 10; passed, 5. Cumberland—Number of candidates, 6; passed, 5. William L. Grieve, 627; Laura L. Hall, 599; Jessie Frame, 576; John Cameron, 570; Dorothy Staples, 564.

Rural Schools.

Courtenay—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 0.

Union Bay—Number of candidates, 3; passed, 0.

Grand Forks Centre.

Total number candidates, 10; passed, 9. Grand Forks—Number of candidates, 10; passed, 9. Leslie A. Mannell, 677; Chester A. Smith, 657; William Hay, 656; Claude Smith, 639; Margaret Sprinks, 634; James P. Graham, 603; Ethel Curran, 599; George Trautwein, 575; Edna Curran, 568.

Kamloops Centre.

Total number candidates, 7; passed, 2. Kamloops—Number of candidates, 4; passed, 1. William F. Shaw, 608.

Rural School.

Salmon Arm West—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 1. Vieta Kew, 554.

Private study—Number of candidates, 2; passed, 0.

Nanaimo Centre.

Total number candidates, 21; passed, 7. Nanaimo Central—Number of candidates, 14; passed, 4. Joseph McKinnon, 501; Frank G. Moran, 579; Annes V. Mills, 559; Lizzie Woodman, 550.

Rural Schools.

Cedar, East—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 0.

Ladysmith—Number of candidates, 3; passed, 1. Bruce McKelvie, 606.

Nanaimo, South—Number of candidates, 2; passed, 2. Ethel Madpass, 590; Elizabeth C. Williams, 577.

Wellington—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 0.

Nelson Centre.

Total number candidates, 4; passed, 2. Kaslo—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 1. Ira M. Lindsay, 550.

Nakusp—Number of candidates, 2; passed, 1. Ella Thompson, 595.

St. Joseph's Convent—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 0.

New Westminster Centre.

Total number candidates, 27; passed, 18.

Boys Central—Number of candidates, 7; passed, 6. Geoffrey K. Burnett, 672; Harold L. Fletcher, 668; Nelson C. Kenny, 638; Garnet S. Corbett, 641; John J. Odin, 604; Ernest W. Hawkins, 567.

Girls' Central—Number of candidates, 7; passed, 6. Olive Allan Wilson, 680; Margaret McD. Wilson, 685; Fern Adella Minthorne, 625; Sophie C. Billeaud, 606; Evelyn W. Turnbull, 551; Julia S. Gifford, 550.

Sepperton—Number of candidates, 2; passed, 2. Dennis Stott, 586; William T. House, 561.

Barnston—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 0.

Boundary Bay—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 0.

Cloverdale—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 1. Donald Huggard, 609.

Ladner—Number of candidates, 2; passed, 2. Percy Miller, 618; Maude Kirkland, 614.

Fairview—Number of candidates, 4; passed, 4. Mona Mude, 651; Victor C. Wainwright, 652; Lindsay W. Perkins, 592; Harold Betts, 559.

Mount Pleasant—Number of candidates, 7; passed, 6. Belle Harbert, 650; Lillian Palmer, 617; Sydney Sykes, 600; Ethel Pearson, 593; Paul Letvinoff, 587.

Roberts—Number of candidates, 14; passed, 8. Ellen Des Brisay, 674; Winifred Calvert, 646; Claire Rudolf, 640; Robert Harlowe, 623; Rudolf Drysdale, 610; Janet Drysdale, 606; MacKenzie Bowell, 566; Etta Newman, 563.

Strathcona—Number of candidates, 19; passed, 17. Gordon Lindsay, 724; Robert Maxwell, 652; Henry G. Uallen, 645; Edna H. Hauge, 634; Arthur Rowley, 619; Ernest A. Odium, 614; John F. Miller, 600; Fred O. Duclos, 598; Katie Keppings, 602; Bertha L. Burnett, 591; Adeline O'Dwyer, 592; Beatrice C. McKay, 573; Howard Wilks, 562; Frances Mary McGuigan, 558; Alma G. McGill and Ellen M. McPhalen, equal, 552; Hattie Uchida, 551.

Rural Schools.

Barnet—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 0.

Burnaby West—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 0.

Ferndale—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 0.

Gulfside—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 0.

Vancouver, East—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 1. Rita M. Smith, 580.

Vancouver, South—Number of candidates, 3; passed, 3. Eva J. Huston, 609; Albert H. Porter, 590; Florence L. Hamilton, 561.

Private Study—Number of candidates, 2; passed, 2. Clifton A. Skaling, 590; Royal L. Maitland, 571.

Vernon Centre.

Total number candidates, 10; passed, 4.

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Rural Schools.

Commonage—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 0.

Mara—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 1. Mildred E. Rutt, 571.

Okanagan Landing—Number of candidates, 4; passed, 1. Daisy Finlayson, 646.

Private Study—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 0.

Victoria Centre.

Total number candidates, 70; passed, 41.

Boys' Central—Number of candidates, 15; passed, 11. Clyde H. A. Rogers, 680; Arthur G. Mallory, 664; Howard W. Chambers, 665; Charles Macintosh and W. Roy McKitterick, equal, 618; James Locke, 616; Dedmar Hodnett, 614; Stanley P. Langley and Burt C. Richards, equal, 608; Laurelet Nesbitt, 566; Robert H. Green, 559.

Girls' Central—Number of candidates, 16; passed, 13. Jean Robinson, 842; Isabel Bolton, 700; Eleanor A. Macdowall, 672; Eva J. Neil, 647; Ruby C. Tubman, 643; Evelyn Holmes, 637; Emily Heather, 630; Eva M. Thompson, 624; Wilhelm, Alexander, 615; Mary I. Williams, 611; Edith A. John, 598; Charlotte Clayton, 591; Gladys M. Boyd, 564.

North Ward—Number of candidates, 12; passed, 9. Walter E. Blackett, 694; Louis Beckwith, 659; Susette W. Blackwood and Gladys E. Hewlings, equal, 630; Victor A. Levy, 624; Annie M. Rudd, 611; May F. Croot, 602; Jennie M. Duncan, 565; Victor W. Auld, 555.

South Park—Number of candidates, 10; passed, 4. James T. Fullerton, 664; Alfred Jeffrey, 610; Chester F. Boyd, 604; Allan L. Greig, 554.

Victoria West—Number of candidates, 6; passed, 2. John F. Tait, 636; Olive Firth, 569.

Rural and Private Schools.

Craigflower—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 0.

Esquimalt—Number of candidates, 3; passed, 0.

Goldstream—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 0.

Gordon Head—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 1. Evelyn Vantreight, 600.

Ladysmith—Number of candidates, 2; passed, 1. Isabella Christie, 590.

Private Schools.

Queen's Academy—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 0.

St. Louis College—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 0.

SALT SPRING ISLAND NOTES.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.)

On December 21st the people of the Vesuvius Bay neighborhood held a Christmas tree entertainment in the North End school. There was a good attendance and the programme was interesting and instructive. Rev. E. Wilson presided, and in the course of his remarks he complimented the performers on their excellent work. The dialogue by the six young ladies illustrated comedy, or the funny side of life. The recitation of Miss Laeck was also favorably received. John Harrison received a well merited encore for his song. The singings of the Whims children, three boys and three girls, was also appreciated. Miss Alice Collins presided at the organ. After the programme, refreshments were served, and later some of those present indulged in dancing.

The young friends of Mrs. H. Stevens, of Churchill farm, will be pleased to hear that she is gradually improving in St. Joseph's hospital, Victoria, where Dr. Hall and Jones performed a surgical operation on her.

On the evening of Wednesday the young men of Ganges Harbor gave an "at home" to their friends in the Mahon memorial hall.

Company Very Successful in the Laughable Comedy.

The Redmond Company scored a big hit in the side-splitting comedy "Niobe" last evening. There was a large audience, and the uproarious laughter which the funny situations provoked, testified to the excellent manner in which the principals acquitted themselves. The part of Niobe was cleverly taken by Mademoiselle Myce, while the role of Peter Amos Dunn was in the safe hands of Ed. Redmond.

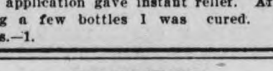
"Niobe" will be repeated this evening and to-morrow afternoon and evening. Beginning on Thursday evening and continuing for the remainder of the week "A Chicago Tramp," a comedy drama, will be the bill.

The cast for "Niobe" is as follows: Peter Amos Dunn, in life insurance, Ed. Redmond; Cornelius Griffin, in love with himself, Theo. H. Bird; Phineas Jennings, in Corney's hands, Clyde E. Granger; Jefferson Tompkins, in the clouds, Roy Sutherland; Parker G. Liles, in retirement, T. M. Griffith; Thomas, in service, J. Middleton Sandusky; Caroline Dunn (Peter's wife), indispensable, Estelle Redmond; Helen Griffin, in authority, Rae Bronson; Hattie Griffin, in open rebellion, Pinkie Mullally; Madeline Milton, in the way, Ora Mullally; Niobe, in the flesh, Madame Myce.

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THAT ASSESSMENT COMMISSION.
The McBride government announces that it will be prepared to meet the Legislature on the 9th of February. Through its organs it admonishes the opposition that if no embarrassing discussions are precipitated the business of the session may be put through with celerity and that the members may be let go to attend to their private affairs within two months at the most.
In order to prepare the way for a smooth time an assessment commission has been appointed. The government, in order to parry the open attacks of the opposition and the secret hostility of its supporters to the measure framed by the monetary institutions for the purpose of extracting taxes inequitably from the people, promised that it would appoint a committee to consider the subjects of assessments and taxation. It has taken this course at the eleventh hour because it dared not face the House with its pledge unfulfilled.
The members have acquainted themselves with the sentiments of their constituents, and they realize what will happen if the measure under which the members of the government boast they have produced an equilibrium between revenues and expenditures should be in effect when they next make an appeal for votes.
It is obviously not intended that the report this commission may make should be acted upon during the session of 1905. The commission is merely an expedient to placate the dissatisfied representatives who keep the government in power.
Nor will the personnel of the investigating committee be satisfactory to the people of British Columbia. We suppose it is fitting and appropriate that the Minister of Finance should be one of the commissioners. He will be, as the possessor of inside information, the counselor and guide and director of the investigators. Mr. Ker is a shrewd man with large business interests in the province. Mr. Bunten, as a remarkably successful manager of transportation and other concerns within certain restricted lines, should be capable of giving sage advice to the directors of assessments. But what about the great mining industry, as representing the chief of British Columbia's resources? And have there been no complaints of assessment inequalities from the important commercial houses of Vancouver and Victoria and other distributing centres in the interior? Do the farmers admit that they have been fairly dealt with in the redistribution and the tremendous increase of the burdens of taxation imposed by the McBride government?
What special class will the President of the Council represent on this much-lauded commission? Is Mr. F. Carter-Cotton as a member of the Legislature which voted five thousand dollars for the remuneration of the inquisitorial body qualified to act as commissioner? Would the hon. member be violating the independence of parliament act if he were to accept his expenses as a member of the commission?
No doubt Mr. Cotton, who is a careful and cautious man, has weighed all these things in his mind and is prepared to defend himself in the House against any attacks that may be made upon his standing by the opposition. He may be sure that the question of the personnel of the commission will be discussed adequately; that every other act of the government will be discussed adequately. At the same time there will be no "factious" opposition. The opponents of the government are practical men of affairs, much more practical than the heterogeneous elements which keep the administration in power for reasons which would not bear scrutinizing by a commission of investigation.

TRIBULATIONS OF MILLIONAIRES.

The perils of the millionaire is the subject of an able and interesting article in one of the magazines. There are millions of people in the world, ourselves among the number, who would be willing to relieve the unfortunate of a portion or of all of their burdens and to share their dangers and responsibilities. We would even undertake to carry out in

abstract, to avoid the disgrace of dying rich, for the sake of a few years of stewardship. Yet, we would give a written guarantee to apply our well-gotten wealth for the benefit of our fellow-creatures in return for the favors of the gods of modern finance. But what is the use of speculation upon such topics? What the millionaires have they will hold. The fates and the tariff have made Carnegie and his fellow-sufferers rich. They will all die as they have lived. The fiscal reformers will follow them, and they will have a heavy contract on their hands when they attempt to make the conditions even approximately favorable for producers and consumers.

There is some satisfaction in knowing that the revolutions of frenzied financiers cannot be a lesson for Canadians. The advocates of a tariff for this country equal to that of the United States must hold their peace for a few years. The attempt of a gang of promoters, contractors and conspiring politicians to upset a government which they believed stood in the path of coveted graft contained a revelation, which will not be forgotten in a hurry, as to the methods by which unscrupulous manipulators become suddenly rich.

GENTLEMEN AND COMMON PEOPLE.

A British court in the plenitude of its wisdom has decided that while a schoolmaster may be a gentleman in fact, he is not a gentleman in the eyes of the law. The question was raised as a result of the decision of a registrar in regard to court fees. The taxing officer held that in the matter of compensation for services a teacher, although he was the proprietor and headmaster of a private school, ranked in the eyes of the law with a tradesman or any other individual who earned his bread as a dealer in commodities. Here is a precedent which may be of service in this community in which the decrees of fashion are sometimes regarded as arbitrary, not to say ridiculous. It might be turned to service by the acknowledged gentlemen who compose the active Property Owners' Association and who live in dread lest some of the rising generation who attend the public schools should be educated above the station in life to which they have been assigned by an all-wise Providence. We are thankful for this decision, because there is reason to fear that this favored portion of Canada, which has established its social standards upon no recognized basis, is in danger of becoming more democratic. Let any obscure individual with no generic past, and presuming on his ability to do something useful for his fellows and for the world, should lay claim to recognition as a gentleman, let us hear in mind the decision of this English Solomon and the interpretation put upon it by the learned counsel of the school teacher who would be a gentleman, that a real gentleman is one who has never done a ha'porth of good for himself or anybody else.

AN EMBARRASSING SITUATION.

Society in Washington, D. C., is now upon an established basis just as it is at Westminster, at Berlin, at Vienna, at St. Petersburg, at Ottawa, at Victoria, B. C., or any other of the aristocratic legislative centres of the un-democratic world. The great society event of the year at Washington will be the quadrennial inauguration ball. The date for this great festive occasion is invariably fixed. It cannot be changed because, like the "American" constitution, its terms are unalterable save on the will of the representatives of the people. This year the ball must be held on Saturday night if precedent and constitutional usages are not to be cast to the winds. As all ball-goers know, dancing, etc., in circles deserving of the name of "society," does not become really enjoyable until after midnight. The spirit of true enjoyment does not take possession of the soul and body until the winking hour has been reached. The masses of the people, said in mistake to constitute the bone and sinew, the pith and marrow, the bulwarks, etc., of the great American nation, would be scandalized if the fact were published that the inaugural ball had been prolonged into the hours of the day of rest. Ward McAllister has been deposed by common consent from the post of director-general of the society events of the United States. There is no recognized leader of the Four Hundred who by birth, breeding, clothing, style and deportment, shape the destinies of the aristocracy of the great democracy. President Roosevelt carries no counter-part of our own late Major Maude upon his staff to dispose of embarrassing questions such as that which is now troubling Washington society. There is apparently nothing for the giddy, restricted, perplexed and annoyed set to do but to dance until midnight and then go home and take its rest at the socially unnatural hour of midnight. A suggestion has been thrown out that proceedings should be commenced at 1 a. m. on Saturday, that an adjournment should be made at daylight, and dancing resumed again in the evening until the programme is exhausted. But that is the idea of an untamed, top-booted, possibly sarcastic Westerner who is not familiar with the fine points of social etiquette. A ball to be a real success must be carried to the point of the physical collapse of most of those who attend. In all his activities, whether in business, sports or amusements, the American is very strenuous. In obvious trepidation he awaits the appearance of a social Lincoln to release him from the bonds of constitutional conventions.

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peared with a shotgun. He took aim at Oyama and fired a charge of rock salt into his body. Oyama strove the pain statically as one of the fortunes of war to be encountered when raiding peach orchards.
Half a century ago a little more than one-half of the population of England lived in towns. To-day the rural population is only one-fifth of the whole.

OYAMA'S SCHOOL DAYS.
Field Marshal Oyama, who is in command of the Japanese armies in Manchuria, was once a pupil in the Temple Hill school at Genesee, N.Y., and Walter G. Patterson, one of Genesee's leading residents, remembers Oyama and relates many amusing experiences of the young Japanese, whom he describes as an undersized boy of 15, heavy set, but bright-eyed and keen-witted. "I am perhaps the first man who saw Oyama under fire," said Mr. Patterson, "and I saw him on Saturday morning a crowd of students started afoot for a peach orchard belonging to 'Tom' Campbell, which was a favorite place with the boys. While climbing a fence Oyama was the last over. Suddenly Mr. Campbell ap-

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The disturbing element in hunting, elephant or rhinoceros, has been always to me, at least, the feeling of uncertainty as to whether or not I could stop the animal if I wounded it, and it charged me, as it did on an average of once in three times. Based on my experience, therefore, I should place the elephant first and the rhinoceros third after the seladang, which is fully as formidable as the Cape buffalo, and is mis-called the bison all over India. Each of these animals is dangerous on different and individual grounds; the elephant thought less likely to charge than any of the others, is terrifying because of its enormous strength, which stops at no obstacle, and the extreme difficulty of reaching a vital spot, especially if, with trunk tightly coiled, he is coming your way. I know of no sensation more awesome than standing ankle deep in clinging mud, in dense cover, with the jungle crashing around you as though the entire forest was toppling, as the elephant you have wounded comes smashing his way in your direction. The seladang is



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—For the doll raffled at the Windsor Grocery the winning number is 68.

—The usual Tuesday evening tea and Bible class of the Young Men's Christian Association will not be held to-night. The next meeting will be on January 3rd.

—The educational classes of the Young Men's Christian Association will be held as follows: Wednesday, arithmetic; Thursday, book-keeping; Friday, penmanship.

—There will be a full rehearsal of "Dorothy" this evening. It will be held in room No. 3 of the A. O. U. W. hall at 8 o'clock. A full attendance of those taking part in the opera is expected.

—There were some interesting handball contests at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium yesterday. One of the best was as follows: Meyer and Holden beat W. B. Fisher and F. Fisher, 21-17, 14-21, 21-20.

—The Chinese Presbyterian Mission will hold its Christmas entertainment this evening. The friends and teachers of the school are invited to be present. The entertainment will begin at 8 o'clock.

—G. H. Hadwen has returned from Ontario, where he went shortly after the provincial exhibition last September, to dispose of six carloads of horses bred in British Columbia. He brought back a carload of thoroughbred stock.

—The death occurred yesterday of Mrs. Mary Cecilia Littlewood, aged 34 years, wife of Geo. F. Littlewood, No. 3 McClure street. The funeral has been arranged to take place on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 from the residence.

—Geo. Snider, the well-known contractor, thoughtfully remembered the Times staff on Christmas with a box of choice cigars. They were so tempting that even the members of the staff who do not use tobacco broke their good resolutions and raided the box.

—A dispatch from Omaha says: "Edna Wallace Hopper was the star in an initial performance in straight comedy under the management of Frank McKee at Boyd's theatre Sunday night, for which she has for the present abandoned comic opera. Miss Hopper has the star role in 'A Country Mouse,' by Arthur Law. She appeared in the principal role of 'The March of Time' as a certain miser. In both of these comedies she makes the change from comic opera to comedy with easy grace. The two comedies selected for her are bright and crisp and full of amusing situations and complications."

—The committee in charge of the children's Cinderella, to take place on Thursday night at Assembly hall, Fort street, are hard at work. All friends are asked to contribute cakes. Volunteers to assist with the children's refreshments will be gladly welcomed. The following gentlemen have kindly consented to assist as a floor committee: Col. Gregory, Major Hibben, Messrs. T. Pooley, A. Gillespie, E. Lawson, E. O. S. Scholefield, E. P. Collier, Herbert Kent, C. Wilson, P. O'Farrell, N. Hardie, E. Brown, W. and L. York, E. E. Wootton, J. McTavish, P. and H. Austin, J. Williams and E. Hasell. Doors open at 6 p. m.

—American types are strongly developed in Clyde Fitch's comedy, "Her Own Way," in which Maxine Elliott will appear at the Victoria theatre on Friday, December 30th. Its most striking character is Mr. Fitch's portrait of the modern independent American girl, typified by Miss Elliott, who insists upon having her own way in affairs vital to her welfare. There are other American types, too—the rugged, unscrupulous millionaire, the many American soldier, the scheming society woman, the frivolous social climber, the common lady half-dresser, the weak speculator in Wall street—in fact, there are so many pictures true to American life that "Her Own Way" has been called Fitch's best play.

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THE LEELENAW IS NOW ON ESQUIMALT WAYS

Ten Days' Work to Be Done on Ship New Schedule for the Blue Funnel Liners.

The steamship Leelenaw, which was in Tacoma last week discharging concentrates brought from the Treadwell mine, is on the Esquimalt Marine railway for repairs. The ship was the victim of a rather uncommon accident. In returning south last week she encountered very stormy weather off Cape Decision, and the anchor slipped overboard. At the time the ship was rolling heavily, and as the anchor only dropped a certain distance it struck the side of the vessel with tremendous force with each roll the steamer gave.

It was some time before the anchor could be secured on deck again owing to the breaking of a steam pipe and, in the meanwhile, several plates were damaged. These will, it is stated, have to be removed, and the ship will be on the ways for ten days or more. She is under charter to R. W. Dunsmuir, of this city. While out of service the barges will be operated as previous to the engagement of the Leelenaw.

This morning a survey was held on the steamer. Mr. Evans, superintendent engineer of the Michigan Steamship Company, which owns the Leelenaw, was here yesterday holding an inquiry into the cause of the accident, and Capt. Whitney, of Seattle, and other navigators are making an inspection.

BLUE FUNNEL LINERS.
The new schedule of sailings of the Blue Funnel and White Funnel steamships for the next six months, between Liverpool, British Columbia and the Sound has been received.

According to the new arrangements the next steamer of the Hot Line to reach port will be the Kosman, which sails outward on January 10th. The Pelus sails on February 18th, the Tydeus on March 16th, the Ping Suey April 13th, Onafa May 11th, and the Telamachus June 8th. Other steamers yet unnamed sail every twenty-eight days thereafter.

From Liverpool steamers sail on January 7th, February 4th, March 4th, April 1st, April 26th, May 27th, and every twenty-eight days thereafter. The same vessels leave Glasgow seven days before sailing from Liverpool.

All of the steamships to come in the next six months are well known. The Tydeus was here last February. The Ping Suey sailed last March. The Onafa was on Pigot sound during the summer, and the Telamachus sailed the latter part of October with a full cargo which holds the record for value. The Onafa and Kosman are twin screw freighters and hold rank as the finest cargo steamers which come to Puget sound.

WYFIELD CHARTERED.
The British steamer Wyfield, which will be remembered as one of the colliers carrying coal to San Francisco from Vancouver Island, a year or so ago, has been chartered to carry grain ostensibly for Chinese ports. "The San Francisco Examiner" says: "From other sources information comes that her destination is Vladivostok. The steamer is owned by the Western Fuel Company. She is now at Port Costa taking on grain."

This is not the only vessel that will try to add to the bank roll of the owners by blockade running. The steamer Centennial has been chartered to carry contraband of war to the Russian port, and it is said, that the agents of the Russian government are seeking more steamers. The Russians are willing to pay as high as \$20 per ton for the transport of merchandise. Rumor has it that the steamer M. S. Dollar, now loading hay at Steuart street wharf, will be laden with freight for Vladivostok.

The peculiar movements of certain vessels are holding the attention of the Japanese agents on this coast, and they are making efforts to locate the present whereabouts of these vessels.

THE INDIA'S PASSENGERS.
R. M. S. Empress of India sailed for Oriental ports last evening with 25 saloon passengers, 10 intermediate and a large number of Orientals in the steerage, besides a full cargo of general merchandise.

The following were among the saloon passengers: K. Takahashi, T. Fukai, T. Nagahashi, Chas. Miller, Mrs. J. H. Jackson, S. Zelazky, T. Shinya, Miss Ida Kerr, V. Hamada, Ed. Salinger, Mr. Ruckle and wife, Miss Whitaker, F. Drechsel, S. Matsuda, Miss Dr. M. Polk, Miss H. Richardson, A. Johnson, W. E. Gray, R. Henning and wife, K. Kimura.

R. M. S. Empress of Japan will be the next steamer of the line due. She will be expected January 4th.

MAY COME HERE.
It is not improbable that the ships Neck and Ancona, which were in collision at Port Townsend a short time ago, will come to Esquimalt for repairs. Tenders were called for the work to be done on either, and it is stated that the Esquimalt Marine Railway Company's bids were the lowest. Considerable damage was sustained by both vessels, and as they are British their owners doubtless prefer coming to this side for repairs. Capt. J. G. Cox, Lloyd's local representative, went over to Port Townsend last evening to see the vessels.

PENTHESILEA HERE.
The British ship Pentheseilea, Captain Manson, which shipping papers have reported bound for the Sound, arrived in the Royal Roads on Saturday. She has come here for repairs, being the only vessel of the fleet of six referred to in the Times a few days ago as destined for the Roads to have arrived. The Pentheseilea came from Panama. She was 39 days on the voyage.

MARINE NOTES.
Steamer Tess returned from northern British Columbia ports on Sunday with upwards of a dozen passengers for this city.

A great number of complimentary references have been made to the handsome and striking full page cover of the Times Xmas supplement. The entire cut was a credit to local artists and workmen, being designed and executed by the B. C. Engraving Company of this city, whose work is attaining a more than local fame.

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WEIGHTED LIFE PRESERVER.
Mr. Jenne, Who Showed It Saturday, Says That It Is an Old One.

Considerable talk is heard on the waterfront today about the frog loaded life preserver shown in a number of places on Saturday. The Times was informed that the discovery had just been made, but Fred. Jenne, the local sailmaker, in whose possession the preserver was, says that the incident is not new, that he ran across the buoy last summer. He says furthermore that the preserver belonged to a steamer which he thinks has long ceased running. Mr. Jenne has the contract of repairing preservers for nearly every steamship company in Victoria, and he states that he has orders to discard anything which, in his opinion, is not worth repairing. Generally speaking, he finds the preservers in use on local craft fully up to the requirements of law. A buoy must weigh six and a half pounds, and this, if it is genuine, will insure a certain buoyancy. In Canadian preservers none but bona fide cork is used. On the other hand, in a great many American pressed cork and occasionally rubber. This latter Mr. Jenne never passes, and he has on his shelves now a number of this kind, which, while they might be sufficiently buoyant for all purposes, are not to be relied on. Mr. Jenne says that at times he has found nails thrown into a preserver to help make up the weight, but the buoy in question is the most flagrant case of fraud coming under his attention.

He does not find fault with compressed cork. It consists of a lot of shavings pressed together. But one of the great troubles with many preservers is that the coverings when they begin to wear out render the whole dangerous for use. With a number of local steamship companies, however, an official inspection is never awaited, and the buoys are sent to the repair shop as soon as they look the worse of long exposure or use.

With reference again to the weighted preserver found, it is to be supposed that any company would knowingly keep such a thing aboard their steamer. It often occurs though, as a merchant pointed out this morning, that a cheap line of goods are sold to meet an order where there is keen competition. In such an event the cheap article procured should be thoroughly examined.

GOLF COMPETITION.
Results of Mixed Foursome Contest Held Yesterday Afternoon at Oak Bay.

There was a large number of competitors in the mixed foursome contest which took place at the Oak Bay links yesterday. The race for first place was close as will be seen by the following results:

	Score.	Hcp.	Tl.
H. Hulston, Harrop, Mrs.	100	20	80
Lalng	102	20	82
Col. A. W. Jones, Mrs. Martin	102	10	92
Dr. Cobbett, Mrs. Combe	94	8	94
Dr. Grubell, R. N., Mrs.	96	2	94
Lalng	96	2	94
W. F. Burton, Mrs. Barnard	108	12	94
B. G. Goward, Mrs. Lampman	110	15	95
Capt. Davidson, Mrs. Davidson	110	12	98
H. D. Twigg, Miss Combe	124	28	98
H. Combe, Mrs. Holland	99	8	94
Commander Hunt, R. N.	113	14	90
Mrs. A. W. Jones	113	14	90
B. H. T. Drake, Miss T. Drake	106	6	100
P. Elliston, R. G. A., Miss A. Bell	122	20	102
A. T. Goward, Mrs. Goward	125	22	105
W. Pike, Mrs. Irving	114	10	104
C. H. Cookson, Miss G. Green	119	14	105
Mr. Justice Martin, Mrs. Burton	114	8	106
D. M. Rogers, Mrs. Crow	125	18	107
Baker	125	18	107
J. A. Rithet, Mrs. Genge	125	18	107
P. S. Lampan, Miss Todd	123	16	108
A. H. Pigott, Miss Cobbett	143	30	113
F. B. Pemberton, Miss Bowell	137	24	113
L. Crease, Miss Foster	148	28	120
No scores were returned by A. S. Reed and Miss Langley, W. H. Langley and Miss Pemberton, H. R. Beaven and Mrs. Beaven.			

—The little ones of the Protestant Orphanage will make merry on Thursday afternoon from three to six o'clock, when their annual Christmas treat will be held at the home. All friends of the institution are cordially invited to attend, and contributions will be thankfully received. It is to be hoped that charitably disposed Victorians will not neglect this opportunity of making the little ones happy.

—A vessel in ballast, supposed to be the British ship County of Dumfries, arrived in the Royal Roads at noon to-day. The ship, if the County of Dumfries, is out 41 days from nitrate ports.

—The installation of officers of Vancouver and Quadra No. 2, A. F. & A. M., will take place this evening in Masonic temple, after which a banquet will be held in Victoria hall.

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VANCOUVER WON THE RUGBY MATCH

WHICH WAS PLAYED AT
TERMINAL CITY MONDAY

Victoria Defeated by Three Tries to Nil
—Local Players Put Up a
Fine Game.

The championship Rugby match between Victoria and Vancouver at the Terminal City yesterday was won by the latter, the score being three tries to nil. Members of the local fifteen lined up against the Vancouver stalwarts on Monday morning at Brockton Point. Play commenced at 10 o'clock, there being only a few enthusiasts in attendance.

From the start the contest was exciting. The Victoria team justified what has been said by the Times as to its increased strength. They put up a splendid struggle against the formidable team that had been collected by Carr, Worsley of Vancouver. Time after time the Terminal City touch was threatened, and it was only because of the exceptional strength of the opposing defence and a certain amount of hard luck that the Victorians failed to score. There wasn't much advantage on either side throughout the initial period. The Victorians had the ball as much in their opponents' territory as the latter in their own half of the field. Both teams fought stubbornly, contesting every inch of ground. Before the whistle blew, however, Vancouver managed to score, Springer carrying the ball over the line. The attempt to convert was a failure.

In the second half the fight was even more hotly contested. Victoria tried again and again to penetrate the Terminal City defence only to be repulsed. When the Vancouver fifteen worked the ball towards Victoria's goal the latter defence proved equal to the task. They sent the Terminal City fifteen back and kept them from the danger zone very successfully. Finally, Flood managed to reach the line and a try was awarded Vancouver by Referee Woodward. It is claimed by Capt. Macrae and all local players, and even acknowledged by some of the Vancouver men, that this and the following point were not touched down fairly. A protest was made but the referee held to his ruling. Whether or not the dispute was justified, the fact that Mr. Woodward formerly captained the Vancouver fifteen makes it altogether probable that his decisions were more or less biased. The Victorians should have thought of this before the game. It is stated, however, that later on a good Vancouver try was disallowed, evening matters to the extent of one point. But such a method of refereeing is most unsatisfactory to both teams, and it is to be hoped that a neutral official will be appointed for the next league game.

The local players returned by the steamer Princess Beatrice yesterday evening, having left Vancouver immediately after the match.

THE HUNT. AN ENJOYABLE RUN.

On Saturday afternoon the Victoria Hunt Club had an enjoyable run, commencing at the residence of C. E. Poley. The course was over the lands of the Transfer Company and Mr. Knox, finishing at Strawberry Vale. One rider and horse met with a tumble as they attempted to jump a fence. There were no serious results. Eleven gentlemen.

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take a place at full back. He and Goward
will make a difficult couple for the fastest
lot of forwards to evade.

CAPITALS VICTORIOUS.

The St. Louis College and Capital teams
played a close game on Saturday afternoon
at Oak Bay. It was won by the latter by
three goals to nil, the defeated eleven putting
up a plucky fight throughout.

THE KENNEL. DECISION ENDORSED.

The action of the Western Kennel League
in amalgamating with the American League
is one of the principal topics of conversation
among local fanciers. While agreeing that
the former association has done what
was best in its interests, they endorse the
decision of the Victoria club to join the
Canadian League rather than the A. K. C.
No definite announcements has yet been
made as to the date of the local association
meeting at which the matter will be thor-
oughly discussed.

In the appended communication from N.
J. Stewart, secretary of the Western Ken-
nel League, addressed to T. P. McConnell
personally, the situation is briefly but
clearly outlined:

Dec. 18th, 1904.
T. P. McConnell, Esq., Victoria.

My Dear McConnell—I sent you yesterday
a communication which I am sure you will
not approve of, but I feel equally certain
that you will understand that some such
action was necessary.

Briefly the case is this: I could no longer
hold the California club in the W. K. L.
They were going out one by one, and in
another year we would not have had a W.
K. L. club in this state.

As you know, the new Seattle Kennel
Club incorporated has joined the A. K. C.
You may not know, but it is a fact, that
a Portland A. K. C. Club has been formed
and has applied for membership in the A. K. C.

It seemed to me that unless something
was done at once the W. K. L. would be-
come so weak as to justify the opinion of
the A. K. C. that they had us licked, and
that there was no need to grant concessions
to us. Whatever the B. C. clubs and the
northern clubs may do, we have got these
concessions from the A. K. C.

The California clubs will join the A. K. C.
We have gained the principle for which
we fought, namely, a representative and
elective advisory board.

Of course your clubs are out of the A. K. C.
jurisdiction and no concessions were
made to them.

Do what you think best, as of course you
will, but remember that the California
clubs have done this, not to hurt your
club or any other, but to protect dogdom
here, which was gradually being killed by
the kennel war.

Believe me, yours very truly,
NORMAN J. STEWART.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

Old-Time Wit Preserved by an Historical
Society.

What is regarded as the most valuable
collection of ancient jokes in existence has
just been presented to the Missouri State
Historical Society by W. H. Thompson, of
near Columbia. These are in 108 almanacs,
one for each year since 1795.

In the almanac for 1804, now just a cen-
tury old, considerable space is devoted to
"original jokes, witty remarks and humor-
ous anecdotes." Here are a few of the
"very funny" things in the almanac of
1804:

"A dull judge in the interior courts of a
sister state, having attended to a variety
of causes in the morning, went to dine at
a friend's house with a most excellent ap-
petite. Among the company was a witty
barrier. The judge eating very heartily
of a dish of salmon, observed that he had
filled himself so full that he needed no sup-
per."

"Your Honor is much more in want of
heading," replied the witty barrier.

"A professor, having observed that
one of his most conspicuous properties
was the power of expanding all bodies. A
humorous student rose in his seat and
asked: 'Is that the reason the days in
warm weather are longer than those in
cold?'"

"Sir John Doyle, on being informed by a
traveler that he had been in a country
where the bugs were so large and powerful
that two of them would drain a man's
blood in a single night, humorously replied:
'My dear sir, we have similar animals in
Ireland, but there we call them humbugs.'"

"A man having been capitally convicted
at Old Bailey was, as usual, asked what he
had to say in his defense. He said he had
nothing to say but judgment of death should
not be passed on him. 'Say?' replied he,
'why I think the joke has been carried far
enough already, and the less said the bet-
ter—if you please, we will drop the sub-
ject.'"

"In a newly-raised corps a soldier lately
observed to his comrades, who were an
Irishman, that a corporal was to be dis-
missed from his regiment. 'Faith and in-
deed,' said the Irishman, 'I hope it is the
corporal who is so troublesome in our
company.' 'What is his name?' replied the
other. 'Why, corporal punishment, to be
sure,' replied Pat."

"A person who could not read a syllable
looked up a newspaper in a New York coffee
house, and, holding it upside down, de-
clined to peruse the ship advertisements
on the first page with great attention.
'What news?' inquired a bystander. 'There
has been a great storm in the West Indies,'
replied the reader. 'The vessels are all up-
set.'"

"A country squire asked a merry Andrew
why he was playing the fool. 'For the
same reason you do,' said he; 'out of want.
You do it for want of wit, I for want of
money.'"

Some of the jokes, humorous remarks,
puns and witticisms which were perpetrat-
ed in the Western Comic Almanack in
1804, and which have not yet lost their
uncleanness, are the following:

"As a broker was folding some bank bills
a bag observed: 'You must grow rich fast.
I perceive you readily double your money.'"

"A poor country hawker being detected
in the act of shooting a butcher bird, was
taken before a justice. 'So, fellow,' cried
the justice, 'you see fit to shoot without a
license, do you?' 'Oh, no, Your Honor,'
said the offender, 'I have a license for
hawking.' So saying he handed his ped-
dler's license, and the bird shot being a
hawk, he was discharged."

"When Mr. Alexander Gun was discharg-
ed from the Edinburgh customs house upon
the entry made against his name was: 'A. Gun,
discharged for making a false report.'"

THE KAISER AS RIDING-MASTER.

The German Emperor has now turned
riding-master. He taught his two elder
sons the management of their steeds and
still gives lessons to the younger
Princes. He is, as might be expected of
him, a stern teacher. The riding whip with
which he finds occasion to correct the
horses not infrequently also descends upon
the persons of the youthful cavaliers when
they show themselves not sufficiently at-
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Think what I could do for Mother if any-
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